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In re Patent Application of:  
Kazuo NISHIKAWA, et al.

Application No.: 10/510,210

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Art Unit: 1651

For: METHOD OF ESTIMATING ELIMINATION  
OF MICROORGANISMS AND APPARATUS  
FOR ESTIMATING ELIMINATION OF  
MICROORGANISMS

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.43**

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**Office of PCT Legal Administration**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Petition under 37 CFR 1.43, in response to the Decision on Petition that was mailed on 27 September 2006.

That Decision was on a Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Applicants have now obtained the signature of the legal representative of incapacitated inventor Masato Aoki on the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney form. Accordingly, Applicants now petition for acceptance of the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.43.

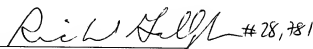
Applicants respectfully submit that they have satisfied the requirements of 37 CFR 1.43. The USPTO is respectfully requested to accept the subject patent application and to examine the same on its merits.

If there are any questions, please contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Enclosure:

Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages),  
executed on behalf of Masato Aoki by his legal representative,  
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